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SUBJECT: GEODETIC SATELLITE PROGRAM

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1. EMBASSY BELIEVES BEST WAY TO ASSURE CONTINUED KINSHASA OPERATIONS WOULD BE TO MAKE POSITIVE RESPONSE TO IGZ REQUEST FOR FOUR ADDITIONAL GEODETIC JOINTS IN ZAIRE (REF. A) WITHOUT REFERENCE TO A TIME FRAME. AT THE SAME TIME WE COULD POINT OUT THAT DMATC TEAM WILL FIRST WANT TO COMPLETE BUKAVU GEODETIC POINT. IT SEEMS ADVISABLE TO TREAT IGZ REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL POINTS AS NATURAL DEVELOPMENT WITHIN CONTEXT OF CONTINUED PRESENCE OF DMA TRACKING STATION IN KINSHASA. IF WE HOLD OUT FOR BETTER LOGISTICS SUPPORT BEFORE PROCEEDING WE RUN RISK OF GIVING ZAIRIANS IMPRESSION WE CONSIDER ONE PHASE OVER, AND ANOTHER TO BE NEGOTIATED. THE QUESTION MIGHT THEN ARISE OF CLEARING AGAIN WITH MOBUTU, AND HIS APPROVAL COULD PROVE SLOW IN COMING FOR WE HAVE EVIDENCE THAT FOREIGN AFFAIRS, PTT AND INTELLIGENCE AUTHORITIES FELT THEY SHOULD HAVE BEEN CONSULTED BEFORE ORIGINAL PERMISSION WAS GRANTED.

2. IGZ GOODWILL IS ESSENTIAL TO CONTINUED SUCCESS OF DMA PROGRAM. IT HAS ADMITTEDLY BEEN A DISAPPOINTMENT
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ON LOGISTICS SIDE, BUT WE MUST REMEMBER ITS POSITION

IN ZAIRE'S MILITARY HIERARCHY IS LOW. WHEN IT REQUESTS
ZAIRIAN ARMY LOGISTICS AND TRANSPORTATION SUPPORT IT
MUST TAKE WHAT IT CAN GET.

3. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT IT BE AUTHORIZED SIMPLY TO
INFORM IGA THAT DMA AGREES TO POSITIONING ADDITIONAL
FOUR STATIONS AS TIME, LOGISTICS, AND ONGOING REQUIRE-
MENTS OF U.S. PROGRAM PERMIT. NEWLIN

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